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Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1882. AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

National Theatre-T. W. Keene, "Rich Ford's Opera-House-Barry & Fay.

Theatre Comique - Variety. Skaling Rink - Splendid parties each Lincoln Hall-Professor Newcomb's lecture on the Jeannette Expedition.

MELVILLE does not believe that Senstor Jones' Bussian could carry out his contract of reaching the North Pole by dog-sledges, depending for food on the deposits of polar bear meat cached in the ice. Perhaps the Scuator's Russian expects to run across an embalmed mastodon now and then.

THE able editors who have been wasting their wit and exercising their love of scandal at Mrs. Langtry's trouble, will no doubt feel chagrined to learn that she has not seen their lucubrations, for the simple fact that she has not read the papers since her arrival in America. Such carelessness and disregard of the feelings of the able editors aforesaid is highly reprehensible on the part of the fair Lil.

HAD Mr. Robeson's amendment to the non-adjournment resolution been proposed by any prefessional Enformer, its author would have been mentioned the next day by several able correspondents as available for the Presidency. If Congress is going to sit during the hotidays, there should be sessions and not the pretense of them. Robeson's amendment, of course amounts to an instruction to the Speaker in the matter of enforcing the rule relating to absentees. It should be enforced, but it will not be. In a day or two, the usual resolution to adjourn over the holidays will be adopted quietly. The performance yes-terday was gone through simply to give the professional Reformers an opportunity to make what Bill Holman calls a ree-cord.

COLONEL N. H. HUTTON, engineer in charge of the harbor at Baltimore, who accompanied the Burrows Special Committee down the Mississippi, appeared before the committee yesterday. Among other things he testified that he "did not think levees of the slightest use to navigation." Let Congress stick a pin right there. It is admitted on all hands that the only constitutional authority that Congress has to appropriate money for levees is on the theory that they are needed to secure or improve naviga-

that he "believed they would be of great use to carry off flood water, and that they would not injure, if they did not improv

In other words, outlets will do good com mensurate with their cost, even though they should not improve navigation. But the carrying off the surplus waters during flood periods is of itself to improve navigation. Let Congress try the outlet system of Captain Cowdon.

THE STORY told elsewhere in this paper by Colonel N. W. Fitzgerald of his dealings with one B. F. Pritchard, a disbarred departmental attorney and patent medicine sharper, reads like a chapter from Fielding ollett. After awindling Colonel Fitz gerald out of some thousands of dollars, Pritchard, with an effrontery unsurpassed since the day Jonathan Wild rode Tyburn, turns upon the Colonel and endeavors to punish him for his (Pritchard's) crimes. To this end ho has sought out one of his own victims in Kentucky and by some means has permaded him to swear out a warrant against Colonel Fitzgerald for the forgery of a note for something less than \$200. The utter absurdity of the charge is its own refutation with all who know Colonel Fitzgerald, and to those who do not know him the fact that he has not been in Kentucky since the war will probably suffice. The ingenuity displayed by Pritchard in his desperation as he sees the penitentiary yawn for him, proves him to be a scoundrel of no mean order. Of course, this latest attempt is intended to injure Colonel Fitzgerald's business, and equally of course it will fail when the true charac ter of Pritchard becomes known. The Colonel's statement is long, but it is mighty Interesting reading.

Wash. Cor, Boston Evening Journal.

There has been considerable private discussion among Senators this morning over the action of the Department of Justles, which is characterized as oppressive to the Star Bosto defendants. By law any citizen making a contain deposit at the Government Printing Original Action of the Star Bosto defendants, and the defense made a thousand dollars deposit for a certain number of copies, but the Attorney-General has issued an order to the Public Printer to the effect that the matter is confidential, and that the Star-Route defense cannot have it. Senators incline to the opinion that this is a violation of the law as well as an oppressive use of power.

The Milk in the Cocoanut.

Eunday Herald.

Let the President and Congress make a note of the fact that in roturn for the support given by John W. Thompson, when president of the Council, to the Board of Pathic Works, the special assessment taxes which the District is now trying to recover from him were not charged against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. When Commissioners Morgan, Dent and Twining came to review the assessments they discovered this curious fact, and revised one hundred and sixty odd thousand dollars on to Thompson's company and off from the property-owners along his line. This assounts for the milk in several consumits, as shall be shown to our readers horeafter.

A Law Unto Himself.

Denver Evening World.

Colonel Bob Ingersoil, in the course of an argument yesterday, and that he did not know anything about the laws in force in the District, but neither did anyone clee and he added if anybody pretanded to know they did not remain long of the same opinion. There mark caused even the dysospite Judge Wylle to laugh, but to have equalized things the old Judge should have added. "I am a law unto myest," There would have been quite as much truth in that as there was in Colonel Kob's declaration.

They Favor Civil-Service Reform.

Waterbury American.

The following is told in the Boston Journal
of the recent city election: "Three citizens,
representing more than a million dolliers,
while waiting for a car Tueeday, were asked if
they were not going to vote. One did not know
that it was election day, the second did not
know where he was registered, if registered at
all, and the third had not voted for five years."

An Explanation From Bilsain Order.
Denyer Evening World.
If a statement just media by his brother be
true, ex-Senator Spencer, the much-talked of
and long-missing Star-Boute witness, was in
Washington during the recent trial and
notified Mr. Bilsa to that effect, but was denied an interview with the New York lawyer.
An explanation from Bliss is now in order.

SLANDERING WASHINGTON.

What Ben Brewster's Organ in Philadelphia Says of Our People. The Star of last week chuckles editorially over the slanderous Hes of Attorney-General Brewster, and says: "The closing part of his paper is a most terrille arraignment of the gullry crew and the alders and abeltors, and one of the most eloquent and scathing demin-ciations of official delinquencies ever writ-

It will be remembered that the closing part It will be remembered that the closing part of the letter of the dissipated law officer of the Government, whose drunken orgies befaul the Bureau of Justice over which he presides, was a mean slander against the people of Washington. The Philadelphia Public Ledge-chimes in with the Evening Star and the de-bauchee Hrewster in its abuse of our people as follows:

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"The population of the Capital, not very numerous all told, is necessarily made up in large proportion of many thousands of Foderal officers and employes of all kinds, high and olev together, with their families and dependents. The social atmosphere Ls, thorefore, pervaded by what may be called officialism to a regree until the many be called officialism to a regree until the many third American city. This, of course, could not fail to be so where there were so many able, distinguished and meritaritous personages drawn from all parts of the United States as additions to the refined resident families quite numerous in the old District of Columbia. A considerable percentage of sill this remains; but it is now, and has been for many years, contaminated by an official air of another sort. This has been brought about by the concentration there of releas of people whe look on the Government service only as a vehicle furnishing acilities for gathering spoils. Some of these are in office, others, and by far the greater number, are not; but they both work together—hand discovering them, and thick as thieves are went to be. These have made a social atmosphere that suits them better, and their futuence is powerful. They have much illigoten and loose wealth among them, which yes the fundament of so, seeing that these latter must know that the laviship spent money of their ventraliner's must come in questionable if not criminal ways; they are able to found newspapers to do the sort of dirty work they want for their purposes, or to buy at the made as a single purpose, or to buy at the made and rescribe in the ready made already founded. Here are the ready made already founded in these people is not overdrawn is vouched by a single passage in their portions of this community who surround these defendants, and who have energed of the popula

dreis that ever existed since the beginning of the Government."

"It was upon this 'society'—this oligarchy of faithless officials and corrupt jobbers, and upon their confederates, allies, gangs, easy, going dupes and biatant spokesmen, ramifying through many ranks in social and official life—that the stunning blow of the President fell on Saturday. No wonder it made a sensation and caused constemation. It is an alarm like the fire-bell in the night, or the lightning that strikes the powder-laden ship at sea. There's a whole fleet of craft about the Federal Capital that have nothing but inflammables and explosives aboard; and none of them can forsee what fate is to follow. Nothing has been done at Washington since the close of the war that gives so much promise of disinfecting the foul air that pervades so much of Washington, official and unofficial. All of us should say 'well done' to the prosecuting counsel in the Star-Route cause—Messer, Bliss, Merrick and Ker, of our own city—and to the attorney-General and the President. It is this kind of lightning that does the effective work in purifying a corrupted official ammosphere."

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New York Sun.
The propricty of taking some action against the officers of the Government at Washington who were aiding and countenancing the defendants in the Star-Route case was so evident that the precise methods adopted have escaped criticism. We think there are some features, however, in the letter of the Attorney-General that ought not to go unnoticed.

Why did not the complaint as to Senstor Spencer's failure to appear as a witness reach the President any sooner? "Upon the day of your departure from this city," says Mr. her president any sooner? "Upon the day of your departure from this city," says Mr. her president any sooner? "The nate of say of your departure from the city," says Mr. her wester, "immediately after the adjournment of Congress, a communication from Mr. Blies and other counsel in the case was sent through me, lodging with you a complaint against George E. Speucer. Those papers did not reach you as that time. Why not? Did not Mr. Brewster know where the President was the matter was important concept to this attention anywhere, but there does not seem to have been that carnesmes and alactify then to pursue the case with the "vigor and rigor" that Mr. Brewster now takes about —we mean on his part.

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1s it possible that the President of the United States ever gave any such instruction as the first of these—that the innocent should be acquitted only if clearly innocent? Is Mr. Rrewster so ignorant of the law as not to know that an accused person cannot properly be convicted of crime unless his guilt is proved beyond a reasonable doubt? This rule makes it imperative under our system of jurisprudence to acquit many a defondant who is by no means clearly innocent. The Attorney-General must have—should be declined the part of his power, and we decline to believe that the resident is responsible for the ignorance it displays.

Then, what nonsense it is to talk about the innocent as though there could be any event in which their conviction would be proper. Innocens persons should be acquitted under as circumstances, and not only, as Mr. Brewster implies, when their innocence is clear.

His fetter betrays ignorance not only of American law, but of the English language. "The only in a substance would give impliced in a novel and unfamiliar sense. And what, pray, is a "band of organized secondrels". Are there disorganized secondrels? Are there disorganized secondrels? These faults of form and substance would deserve consure it they distiguired the brief of secondrels."

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These faults of form and substance would deserve censure if they disfigured the brief of a law student in a most court case. In a document written by the Attorney-General of the United states they are inexcusable.

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"I think you can."
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"And \$5,000 more in grading, filling up, orsating fish pends and so forth?"
"Well, you may get through with that sum."
"That's \$40,000; and now let's figure the in-

"That's \$40,000; and pencil or paper," said the victim as a shade of sorrow darkoned his face. "The freeme will be about \$1 for turnips, \$2 for potates, \$5 or \$8 for corn, and a bull calf or two at \$3 a head. To save time, call it \$25. I'll see you again in a day or two, Maybe I've forgotten something which will add a dollar more. Morning to you.

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